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TO COMMIT TROOPS TO RWANDA PEACEKEEPING

SPEAKING TO PRESS IN BRUSSELS ON MAY 23, NEW ITALIAN
MOD CESARE PREVITI DECLARED THAT ITALY IS READY TO
PARTICIPATE IN "ANY INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVE" TO
STOP THE MASSACRES IN RWANDA, INCLUDING SENDING
ITALIAN SOLDIERS AS PART OF A U.N. PEACEKEEPING
FORCE. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, HE ASSERTED THAT
"THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT SOMETHING MUST BE DONE AND I
BELIEVE THAT THIS REFLECTS THE POSITION OF THE
GOVERNMENT AS A WHOLE. WE ARE CONFRONTED BY AN

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ENORMOUS TRAGEDY AND WOULD BE INCLINED TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVE. EVERY POSSIBLE MEANS MUST BE USED, INCLUDING SENDING MEN." MOD PREVITI'S REMARKS WERE MADE TO JOURNALISTS UPON HIS ARRIVAL IN BRUSSELS FOR MAY 24-25 NATO DPC MEETINGS, HIS FIRST AS THE NEW DEFENSE MINISTER. THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE DID NOT RELEASE AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT REGARDING POSSIBLE TROOP CONTRIBUTIONS TO MULTINATIONAL EFFORTS IN RWANDA. CREAGAN

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